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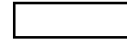
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- On 7 April 1953 the North Korean 247 Unit of the North Korean Naval Headquarters was responsible for guarding the port area in Yongamp'o (N 39-56, E 124-22) (XE-1721). The unit consisted of 150 men,<sup>1</sup> and two 24-knot patrol boats which were used only at night and remained hidden under the piers during the day. Fishing vessels were not allowed in Yongamp'o but 12 fishing boats used the piers at Tasado (N 39-51, E 124-26) (XE-2312). With this sole exception, there were no other restrictions placed on fishing vessels in the area, including those from Antung, Manchuria.
- Ten Soviet instructors were to come to the North Korean Navy School at Sŏsura (N 42-16, E 130-36) (FB-3280)<sup>2</sup> sometime after March 1953. In addition, three Soviet technicians and five radar sets were to be sent to Sŏsura from the USSR along with five small navy patrol boats.
- On 20 March 1953 a branch of the North Korean Naval Intelligence Bureau was in Suryong-dong, Songjin City. Commander of the bureau was KIM Tal-sam (6855/6671/0005), aged 35, a lieutenant commander. KIM was born in the USSR, and was formerly head of the Operations Section of a naval base near Chinnamp'o. KIM was transferred to Songjin in March 1952. Eight patrol boats, each equipped with three Soviet machine guns and a 30-horsepower engine, were sent to Songjin from Vladivostok in October 1952. The bureau was organized in September 1952. There were five sections in the bureau: Reconnaissance, censorship, operations, guard, and inspection. The functions of the bureau were previously handled by the coastal detachments of the Social Security Ministry but when the amalgamation of the Ministry of Internal Affairs and the Ministry of Social Security took

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place,<sup>3</sup> the North Korean Naval Headquarters took over these duties.

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